

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-3, 6-8 and 11-13 are amended solely to include some of the features previously recited in claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 12, 13, and 16-20, and claims 19-20 are cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Thus, no new matter has been added and the amendments do not raise new issues requiring further search and/or consideration. Reconsideration in view of the application is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration since the amendments solely incorporate some of the features previously recited in dependent claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 12, 13 and 16-20 into independent claims 1, 6 and 11; (c) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (d) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over OmniForm User's Manual For Windows 95 and NT (Caere Corporation, 1998) (hereinafter "OmniForm")¹. The rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

Page 7 of the Office Action states that Chapter 7, pages 3-5 of OmniForm discloses a system or method, wherein when data is inputted into a database-related data input form, the inputted data is inputted to each corresponding field of a database at a substantially a same

¹ Paragraph 3 on page 5 of the Office Action states that claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over OmniForm, however, it appears that all of claims 16-20 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over OmniForm.

time. However, the identified portion of OmniForm simply discloses how to create a database of records and manage its information. OmniForm defines a database as a collection of information stored as individual records and each record uses the same form design, but can contain different information in its fields (i.e., fields of the form) *Chapter 7, page 2, lines 1-3*. Further, Omnidform states that as soon as you fill in the form, it (i.e., the filled-in form) becomes the first record in a new database, thus each record in the database of OmniForm is a partially or completely filled-in form *Chapter 7, page 2, lines 5-7*. Thus, a user of OmniForm can create new records with the same layout and fields and fill them with different information and the form the user opens/scans in becomes the first record of a new database as soon as a field of the form is filled in *Chapter 7, page 3, lines 15-19*. That is, using OmniForm, each record of a database is the form, wherein each record may be different only based on the information provided in the fields of that form.

In contrast, independent claims 1, 6 and 11 recite, *inter alia*, that a database is defined based on the extracted table by using a portion of data included in the extracted table as a field name of the database, a database-related data input form is generated which relates the extracted table with the defined database such that when data is inputted into a database-related input form, the inputted data is inputted to each corresponding field of the database.

For at least these reasons, Applicants submit that OmniForm fails to disclose all the features of claims 1, 6 and 11, as well as all the features of claims 2-5, 7-10 and 12-18, which depend therefrom. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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